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THREE CENTS

Another Conference

The Forty-third Northfield Conference of Religious Education will open on July 7 and continue until July 16. This conference includes three divisions: Adults, young adults and young people and much of the program is arranged on the basis of separation of these groups. However, the entire conference gathers for chapel, vespers and on other occasions. This is an interdenominational conference and representatives from about thirteen denominations are usually represented. Most delegates are church school workers and most of the courses offered are related to the Sunday School although many other branches of the church are represented in the curriculum.

The conference is under the auspices of the Massachusetts and Connecticut church councils and the chairman is Dr. James P. Berkeley of the Andover-Newton Theological School. Other well-known faculty members include Rev. John L. Lobingier, secretary of religious education, Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society, Winchester, Mass., and Rev. Frank Jennings, executive secretary Massachusetts Council of Churches, West Newton, Mass.

The Hon. Robert C. Parker, judge of the District Court of Western Hampden County, who was chairman of the conference for many years, now serves as honorary chairman.

Robert L. Miller has returned from his studies at the University of Mass. where he is doing pre-med work. He is working at the Northfield Hotel for the summer months.

The American Legion Post of this town announces that it will hold a mid-summer dance at the Town Hall Thursday evening, August 7. Dress will be semi-formal and dancing will be from 9 to 1 o'clock. Dick Perry's Orchestra will furnish the music.

Awarded Fellowship

Miss Margaret B. Ackerman, of Haverstraw, N. Y., and a summer resident of Rustic Ridge, has been awarded a fellowship at Yale University and will continue her studies in history there in September pursuant to a Master of Arts degree. Miss Ackerman, who is well known in East Northfield, while a counselor at Virginia Camp graduated in June from the College of Wooster at Wooster, Ohio.

She was first in a class of 186 and was awarded the Notestein Prize. During her four years on the campus she was a leader in many college activities, being on the staff of the Wooster Voice, a member of Pembroke Literary Society, an officer in the International Relations Club and in Phi Alpha Theta, the national history fraternity. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the end of her Junior year. In 1946, together with her roommate, Miss Lorraine Duckworth, of Mineola, L. I., she wrote the winning script for the mid-winter traditional college play.

Miss Ackerman is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Ackerman who have been owners and occupants of Squakeag Cottage on Rustic Ridge for more than ten years. This summer Miss Ackerman is recreational director at Letchworth Village, a New York State institution.

Mrs. Helen Stevenson, of Scranton, Pa., with her son, a sophomore at Swarthmore College, attended the graduation of another son, Robin, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 13.

Recently Mrs. Ambert Moody moved into Miss Munde's house where she will spend the summer. She has, at this time, as her guests, her daughter Miriam with her husband and son and Gordon Loos, her grandson, who is on his vacation from Princeton University.

Vacation Bible School

The Sunday School of the Congregational Church will hold a Daily Vacation Bible School in connection with the religious education conference which will meet here July 7 to 16. Miss Edith Walker of the Connecticut Council of Religious Education will be the director. Classes will start next Monday and are open to children of the community or of summer residents. Transportation is being arranged and those who can help with cars should contact Mrs. Herman White or the pastor, the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves.

Bistrik-Bouker

Miss Lois Anita Bouker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Bouker, of Greenfield, and Leon Albine Bistrik, son of Mrs. Josephine Bistrik, of this town, were married Saturday morning, June 28, at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. H. J. McCormick in a double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Helen Greene was organist and Miss Edna Bistrik was soloist. The church was decorated with laurel.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Norma Randall as matron of honor. Joseph Mandowsky served as best man. Stanley Bistrik ushered.

The bride wore a white suit with white accessories. She carried a prayer book with white roses and white sweet-pea streamers.

Mrs. Randall wore a blue dress with white accessories. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white sweet peas.

Following the ceremony there was a reception and breakfast at the Weatherhead Farm with the parents of the parties participating. After a wedding trip they will reside on the Millers Falls Road. The bride attended Greenfield schools and the groom attended the Northfield schools. He served in the army over four years.

New Church Report

There will be a special meeting of the members of the Congregational Church on Tuesday evening, July 8, to hear the report of the new church committee, and the amount of subscriptions received to date. There will also be a showing of tentative sketches and an architect will be requested to take some action on approval, to appoint a definite committee and to engage an architect. Progress is encouraging.

The Flower Show

The Flower Show of the Northfield Garden Club will positively be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 19 and 20, at the chateau of the Northfield Hotel and preparations are going forward to make it most unusual and attractive. President I. J. Lawrence and the chairman of the various committees are in conference frequently and it is hoped that they will have the full cooperation of all members and friends.

Phillip Porter will again present one of his special efforts, which in past seasons have attracted so much attention. Then this year Mrs. Norma Nims will make an exhibition of her splendid paintings of flowers and designs. The schedule of exhibits has been published in the Press some weeks ago and it is hoped that exhibitors will plan also early to make a showing.

Wedding of Interest

In Summit, N. J., Saturday evening, June 28, in the Central Presbyterian Church took place the wedding of Virginia Ford Bailey, daughter of Mrs. William F. Bailey and the late Mr. Bailey, to Albert Armour Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Bingham, of Short Hills, N. J., with Rev. Leonard V. Buschman, minister of the church, officiating. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Dr. Henry F. Cutler who served for many years as headmaster of the Mount Hermon School and her mother well known here for some time with the Northfield School for Girls.

The bride's brother, Robert D. Bailey, gave her in marriage. Her sister, Mrs. Hendrik C. Ahlers, and a cousin, Miss Helen Heiser, were honor attendants. Bridesmaids were Misses Marjory Reynolds, Sallie Briggs, Dorothy Fuchs and Betty Bowers.

The bridegroom's father was best man and the ushers were friends of both the bride and groom. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Rahmann.

The bride is a graduate of St. Lawrence University; Mr. Bingham of Hill School and Princeton University. He is a former lieutenant (j. g.), U. S. N. R., who served on a destroyer escort in the Atlantic and Pacific.

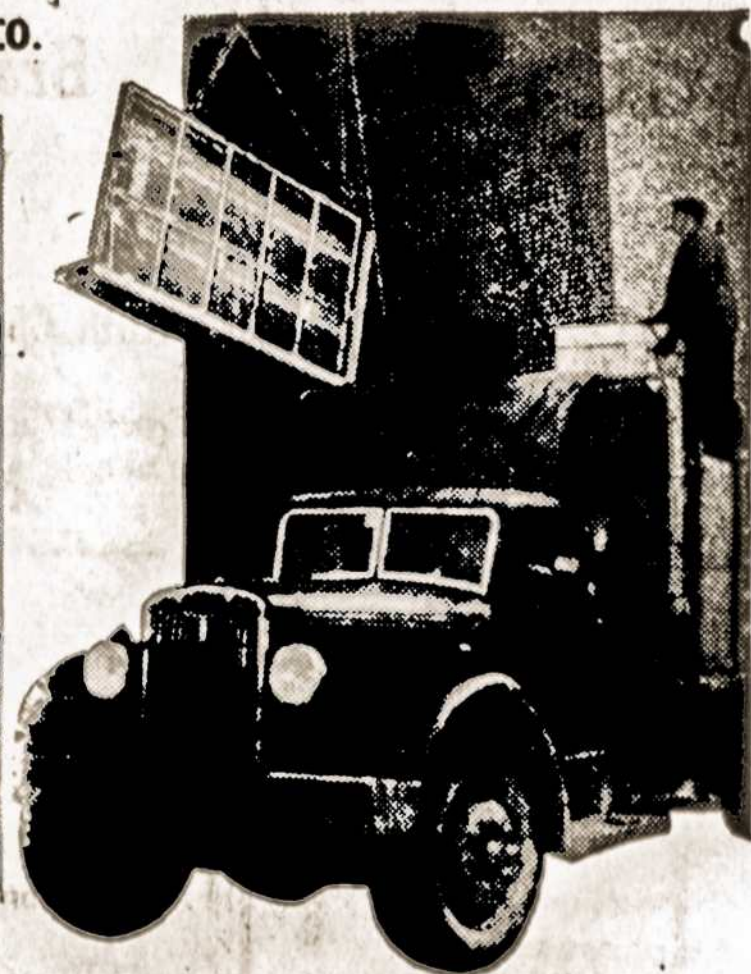
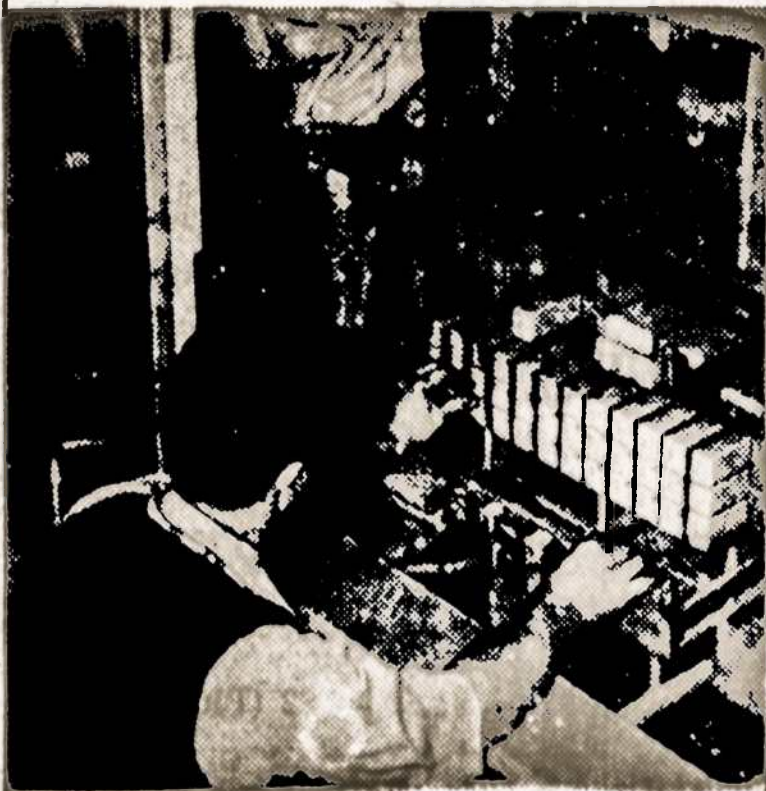
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Wed Thirty Years

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert, of Mount Hermon, quietly celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary at their home last June 30. Friends called and extended greetings and congratulations. They were married June 30, 1917, in Pigeon Cove and have lived since on Mount Hermon campus. Mrs. Rikert was from Pigeon Cove and Mr. Rikert from Dutchess county, New York. He is superintendent of property of the Northfield schools.

They have four children, Carroll, Jr., controller of accounts at Brown University; Mrs. Russell J. Minott, of West Deerfield; Mrs. Claude E. Bittle, of Durham, N. C., and Miss Catherine Rikert, of New York city. There are several grandchildren.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton and family, of Silver Springs, Md., will spend next week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, of this town.

Over 64 children were examined at the recent pre-school clinic held at Center School under the auspices of the Health Council and the district nurse. Dr. Alexander Nadas and Mrs. Horst, of Greenfield, conducted the examinations.

After many years of service as a news correspondent Mrs. Carroll H. Miller has terminated her work. Her efforts to publicize this community are appreciated.

The "Old Homestead" will be produced July 4, 5 and 6 at Swanzy. You will miss plenty if you fail to attend this production. A bus load will carry many from here on Saturday evening.

Farms Kindergarten

On Monday, the 23d, a kindergarten was opened at Northfield Farms in the old No. 4 Schoolhouse under the direction of Mrs. Warren Billings, assisted by Miss Beverly Billings. The schoolhouse has been put in good condition and chairs for the youngsters have been loaned by the Congregational Church. The playground has been rearranged and provides a good place for play. Citizens and officials of the town have fully co-operated to make the kindergarten a success and the following children are enrolled:

Louis Abbey, Colleen Barber, Marsha Billings, Judith Brown, George Casey, Lorraine Cembalisky, Sharon Chapdelaine, Lydia deAmicis, Donald Drozdowski, Pamela Field, Richard Leach, Martha Luey, Penelope Luey, Judith Rice, Karen Semb and Francis Sobieski.

Mrs. Billings is an experienced teacher and for the past five years taught the first grade at Greenfield schools.

Rev. Helen Bassett, accompanied by Mrs. Florence James and daughters, were in attendance at the Free Methodist Church camp meeting at Saratoga, N. Y., this week.

A small cottage, usable for both summer and winter is now offered for sale for \$1,500. Mr. Hoehn, 536, will give information.

It is expected that a small cottage will be built this fall on a vacant lot on Winchester Road just north of the Woodbury house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Daly, of New York, who have purchased the home on Highland Ave. of Mrs. Albert G. Moody have arrived to occupy and will spend the summer here.

Goes To Washington

It has just been announced that the Rev. Carl Heath Kopf, minister of the Mount Vernon Congregational Church in Boston for the past fourteen years, and who will be in Northfield this summer on the staff of leaders of the general conference, will resign his pastorate in order to accept the call of the First Congregational Church, of Washington, D. C.

The church he takes over is the one where Calvin Coolidge attended while President of the United States, and the Rev. Mr. Kopf said, "It stands for the Pilgrim spirit where that spirit is needed in the hearts of those who guide and operate our country's government."

He will leave for Washington, he said, the last week in October, preaching his first sermon there on November 2.

A son, Scott Walter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop W. Sanderson of this town at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, June 24.

Francis L. Jones, Mrs. Catherine J. Johnstone and Miss Lucille Johnstone are spending the summer at their cottage, "Nirvana," on Rustic Ridge.

Miss Elsie Tenney, a nurse at Cooley-Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Tenney.

Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler of the Unitarian Church will spend the month of July on vacation at Croton Falls, N. Y.

The auto of Leroy Barnes of this town took fire in Greenfield while parked from a short circuit on Saturday last. Firemen were called and put out the fire.

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Flagg-Churchill

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The bride was attended by Miss Isabell L. Stone, of Northfield, Alfred C. Flagg was best man for his brother, Russell Deane and Clifford Grover, of Bernardston; Carl Stone, of Northfield, and Neil Churchill, brother of the bride, ushered.

The bride wore a gown of princess style with capped sleeves, fitted bodice and flared peplum of lace and full skirt of marquisette. She also wore three-quarter length mitts of fine illusion. Her fingertip illusion veil was trimmed with lace and fastened to a tiara of pearlized orange blossoms. She carried a Colonial bouquet of white carnations clustered around an orchid.

The maid of honor wore a powder blue taffeta gown with fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline, full net skirt and puffed sleeves. Her headpiece was of blue illusion bows and she carried a Colonial bouquet of pink roses.

A reception followed in the vestry and refreshments were served after which the couple left on an unannounced wedding trip. They will reside in South Vernon.

The bride is a graduate of Northfield High School and Becker Junior College of Worcester. The bridegroom attended Powers Institute in Bernardston.

Junior Ball Team

John F. Field, of Warwick Ave., deserves a word of commendation for the interest he is taking in the boys of this town. He is supervising the playing of baseball by teams formed into a league and the newest addition is the team sponsored by the local Legion. Ross L. Spencer has purchased the uniforms for this team as a gift and other organizations have contributed for the purchase of baseballs and bats. Games will be played on the athletic field.

Miss Genevieve Wozniak, who is a senior student nurse at Franklin County Hospital is spending a three-week vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wozniak, of West Northfield.

Morrison Descendants

Fifty-six descendants of Jonathan and Melinda (Edwards) Morrison, of Vernon, Vt., and Bernardston, Mass., met at Mt. Grace Reservation Sunday, June 22, for a reunion. After a basket lunch at noon election of officers and a short program followed. Mrs. Rhoda Lyman Kempkes, of Springfield, was elected president; Miss Florence B. Lyman, of Springfield, secretary, and Mrs. Nellie Bigelow, of Manchester, Conn., entertainment chairman.

Members were present from Portsmouth, N. H.; Manchester, Conn.; Springfield, Mass., and Brattleboro and Guilford, Vt. It was voted to meet again next year at a time and place to be announced.

The Summer Theatres

For real summer amusement during the vacation season, the summer theatre has been of much value. The sojourner and the resident have turned to the stage to hear and observe the various productions. New England is dotted here and there with summer theatres but the ones convenient from Northfield are Brattleboro, Keene and Peterborough. The programs are as follows:

BRATTLEBORO—Town Hall. Opened June 30 with "Junior Miss." July 7, "The Little Foxes," with Ruth Chatterton. July 14, "Dear Ruth." July 21, "George Washington Slept Here." July 28, "Kiss and Tell," with Eddie Nugent and Lois Wilson. Aug. 4, "Years Ago." Aug. 11, "The Late Christopher Bean," with Marjorie Main. Aug. 18, "Susan and God." Aug. 25, "Laughter From a Cloud," new Lynn Riggs play with Ilka Chase.

KEENE—At the summer theatre. Plays began June 23 and are on Tuesday evenings with the following schedule: "The Women," "Claudia," "Dear Ruth," "Papa is All," "Uncle Harry," "His Master's Voice," "Love From a Stranger," "You Touched Me," "The Fatal Weakness" and "The Glass Menagerie."

PETERBOROUGH—Stearns Farm. Opening on July 9 with "Outward Bound." July 23, "Claudia." Aug. 6, "Dear Ruth." Aug. 20, "Return at Night," a new mystery melodrama by Joseph Anthony.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves will soon leave on a vacation trip by motor to the Gaspé Peninsula and other places in Canada in the eastern section.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan, of Jamaica, L. I., who have concluded a visit to California, traveling by plane, have arrived in Northfield and will be at their cottage in Pine Grove for the summer.

August Church Fair

The members of the Ways and Means Committee named to arrange for the Congregational Church fair which will be held on Friday afternoon, August 8, for the benefit of the new building fund have recently concluded the plans and arrangements. This committee consists of Mrs. David Hammond, Miss Alice Drake, Mrs. Allen H. Wright and Mrs. Edward Powell. The following committees have been named in charge of the various tables and sections:

Food, Mrs. Arthur Pietz, Mrs. Edward Benny, Mrs. Etta Cavanaugh and Mrs. Paul Thompson; fancy work, Mrs. William Marshall, Mrs. Reuben Rikert, Mrs. Gaylord Douglas and Mrs. Edgar Livingston; flowers, Mrs. Lee Bolton, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Donald Hayes and Mrs. Mabel Bonney; books and other articles, Mrs. Emory Rikert and Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland; glass, china and paintings, Mrs. Robert Barry and Mrs. Nims; punch, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Reuben Rikert; posters, Mrs. Willis Parker.

For children there will be a "wishing well," with five and 10-cent gifts, arranged by Mrs. Edward Bolton; a grab-bag, managed by the Pilgrim Fellowship of the church, and "jeep rides" in the car owned by James Gillespie.

Contributions will be accepted at the various tables to be sold and the committee members in charge of the table to which gifts will be offered should be so advised.

Finest Elm Trees

E. W. Moore, D.M.D., of Malden, Mass., has been making a survey of the elm trees in New England and has personally visited most sections where the elm tree is growing and in a good state of preservation. No doubt Northfield was visited on his tour through the Connecticut Valley but in his report he states that the finest pair of elm trees are located in Hatfield, Mass., and a photograph published bears out his conclusions. These particular trees are close to each other and at a point about four feet from the ground measure 21 feet 4 inches in circumference.

Murray Pallam, AMM1c, who is in the Coast Guard stationed in Newfoundland, visited his home here recently for a short stay.

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Carroll Rikert, in behalf of friends, spoke words of appreciation to Mr. Richmond and presented him with a hundred dollar bill. Refreshments were served. The house on the campus vacated by Mr. Richmond will be occupied by Mr. Ward who comes from Northampton as the new chief engineer at the school. At the reception was the daughter of Mr. Richmond, Mrs. Irene Stockbower, of Springfield, and his son who teaches music in Alabama and spends his summers at Shelburne Falls.

Mrs. David Hammond and her children have returned from a short vacation which they spent last week at Briar Nook, Gloucester.

The Garden Club will picnic with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle on their lawn next Monday evening, July 7.

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Town Topics

Joseph R. Colton, curator of the local historical society, visited Salem, Mass., last week during the celebration of the opening of historic houses to visitors. He reports that the town was crowded with visitors which carried through the next day.

Miss June Morelock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morelock, of South Vernon, was tendered a birthday party by a group of friends at her home last week. An interesting program was arranged and refreshments were served.

Rev. Edward Fairbank, of this town, conducted the services at the Advent Christian Church in South Vernon last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hesser C. Ruhl, of Ashuelot Road, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Elizabeth Ruhl, to Sidney H. Given, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Given, of this town. No date has been set for the wedding.

Many persons visited the museum of the historical society on Pine Street recently at its two openings with free admissions. The next opportunity for the public will be the showing of the "hobby show" on Friday, July 11, when there is an admission charge. The next free admission date will be Wednesday, July 23.

Leslie Martin has returned to his home from the Springfield Hospital for a short stay after which he will re-enter for further treatment.

A son was born to Doctor and Mrs. Donald W. Eckley, of Keene Valley, N. Y., on May 20. Mrs. Eckley is the former Eleanor Mason, well known here as the daughter of Mrs. Lucius Mason and the late Dr. Mason.

Mrs. Lucius Mason has arrived here from St. Petersburg, Fla., to reopen her summer residence here for this season in Mountain Park. She has her two grandsons with her. Herson, Dr. Lester Mason and his wife, of Buffalo, N. Y., brought his mother here by auto and remained for a few days at the home.

Rev. Edward C. Dahl, formerly of this town, but now pastor of the Centre Congregational Church in Brattleboro, entertained recently all the ministers of Protestant churches in Brattleboro at his home with a social evening and dinner.

Dr. Walter S. Jones, of Providence, R. I., visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones, of South Vernon. He brought along his son, Walter, who will remain with his grandparents for the summer.

Miss Dorothy Doremus, who is now a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., will spend the month of July at the Y. M. C. A. summer school at Lake Forest, Ill. Miss Doremus is renting her summer home on Rustic Ridge this season.

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